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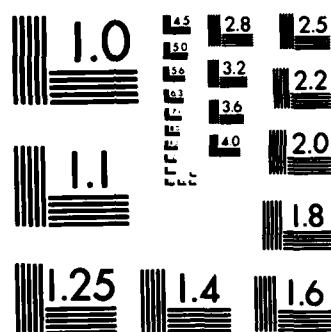
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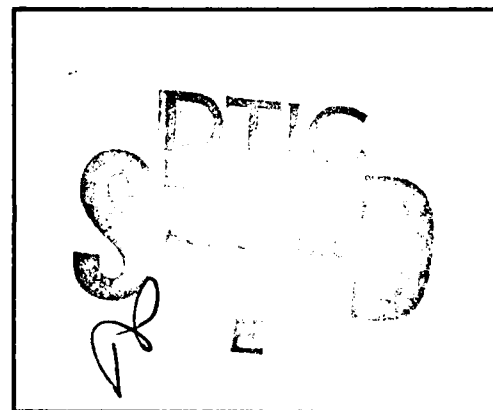
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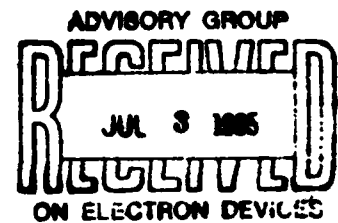
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## Analytic Models for Radiation Induced Loss in Optical Fibers III. Transient Radiation Effects

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Two previous RADC technical reports<sup>1,2</sup> presented analytic models for the losses induced in optical fibers as a function of dose under steady-state irradiation conditions. In those reports it was assumed that a state of at least quasi-equilibrium existed between the electron-hole pairs generated during irradiation and the trapping centers in the fiber. Any irradiation during which such equilibrium conditions are not established could be classified as a transient irradiation. However, in this report we define a transient irradiation as exposure to a pulse of radiation of short duration and high dose-rate. The loss induced in the fiber by the radiation pulse generally decreases (recovers) during the time following

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the pulse. A model for the recovery of transient induced loss in optical fibers, developed to describe the results of irradiations performed at RADC\*, will be presented.

The recovery of transient radiation induced loss in optical fibers is a result of the time-dependent recombination of electron-hole pairs generated in the fibers by the radiation. Such recombination processes are important in many phenomena addressed by electronic solid-state physics, such as the decay of luminescence and the time dependence of photoconductivity. There have therefore been a number of theoretical models developed to explain the variety of possible recombination processes. Attempts have been made to apply these models to the recovery of transient induced loss in optical fibers (see, for example, Mattern et al<sup>5</sup> and Looney et al<sup>6</sup>) with limited success. It is not clear, however, whether or not such models are suitable for the description of the recovery of induced loss in optical fibers and it is possible that the phenomena assumed in developing a particular model may not be those that occur in a fiber even though the model may give a good fit to experimental data. Because of these uncertainties, an analytic model for the recovery of transient radiation induced loss in optical fibers was sought that would fit the data well but not necessarily be related to a physical model.

## 2. MODEL SELECTION

One of the first analytic models tested to describe the recovery of transient induced loss in optical fibers was a sum of exponential terms. This could be related to a possible physical model in which each term represented a type of

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\*In the transient radiation tests performed at RADC, 20 nsec x-ray pulses with nominal peak energy of 2 MeV and dose rates to greater than  $10^9$  rad/sec were used. Details of the irradiations are described elsewhere.<sup>3,4</sup>

3. Wall, J.A., Posner, H., and Jaeger, R. (1981) Temperature response of germanium phosphosilicate optical fibers under irradiation, in Physics of Fiber Optics, Advances in Ceramics, B. Bendow and S.S. Mitra, Eds., American Ceramic Society 2:398.
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trapping center with a unique temporal probability for the release and subsequent recombination of an electron or hole. It was found that most of the RADC data on transient induced loss in optical fibers could be fit to this model using three exponential terms. However, another model was sought, because the exponential model was difficult to fit to the data since it required the determination of six constants (two for each term). Also, its usefulness in providing a physical interpretation of the data was questionable because any continuous mathematical function can be represented by the sum of a sufficient number of exponential terms.

Since a number of the theoretical models for electron-hole recombination processes could be approximated by a function of the form  $et^{-n}$ , where  $t$  is the time and  $c$  and  $n$  are constants, a model of this form was tested. It was found to fit the data fairly well over much of the time span covered by the data, but has the obvious disadvantage of tending to infinity at short times. To avoid this disadvantage the function was arbitrarily modified to the form:

$$L = \frac{a}{1 + bt^n} \quad (1)$$

where

$L$  = radiation induced loss

$t$  = time after radiation pulse, and

$a$ ,  $b$ , and  $n$  are constants.

This expression was found to fit the transient data quite well. Although not related to a physical model, Eq. (1) has the form theoretically derived for the bimolecular recombination process if  $n = 1$ . Also, according to Haug,<sup>7</sup> it could be an approximation for thermally activated recombination and according to Brown,<sup>8</sup> it could represent recombination from an exponential distribution of traps.

To give a complete description of transient radiation induced loss data a constant or term that decreases slowly with time should be added to Eq. (1) to account for permanent or long-term induced loss. However, because the total dose received by the optical fibers during the transient radiation tests at RADC was so small (less than 50 rad), this factor will be neglected.

7. Haug, A. (1972) *Theoretical Solid State Physics Volume 2*, Pergamon Press, pp. 292-293.

8. Brown, F.C. (1966) *The Physics of Solids*, W.A. Benjamin Inc., N.Y., p. 391.

### 3. DATA FITTING PROCEDURE

To determine the constants in Eq. (1) for a specific set of transient induced loss data, it is convenient to express the data in terms of reciprocal loss as a function of time. Instead of Eq. (1), we then fit

$$L^{-1} = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{b}{a} t^n \quad (2)$$

and determine the reciprocal of  $a$ ,  $b/a$ , and  $n$ . This expression can be readily fit using the "Gauss-Newton" method mentioned in Ref. 2. However, good fits have been obtained using the following procedure, which is also useful for obtaining estimates of the constants needed for the Gauss-Newton method.

The first derivative of Eq. (2) is

$$\frac{d}{dt} (L^{-1}) = \frac{b}{a} n t^{n-1} \quad (3)$$

Using a finite difference method to approximate the differential from the data and a standard procedure for fitting a power function (see Ref. 1 for example) a value for  $n$  (actually  $n-1$ ) is obtained. When the time data are converted to the  $n^{\text{th}}$  power of time, a linear fit to the reciprocal of the induced loss [Eq. (2)] gives the required values of  $1/a$  and  $b/a$ .

It should be noted that when the data are fitted to the approximation of Eq. (3), low values of the correlation coefficient for the fitting procedure may frequently be obtained. This is probably due to the approximation of the differential and seems to have little relation to the final result, since high values of the correlation coefficient have usually been obtained for the fit to Eq. (2).

### 4. RESULTS

Figure 1 shows the results of a fit of Eq. (1) to data for the recovery of transient radiation induced loss in a germanium-horosilicate core optical fiber. The fit is very good and the deviation of the calculated curve from the data points is generally well within the estimated  $\pm 3$  dB/km precision of the data. Figure 2 shows two fits of Eq. (1) to transient data for a germanium-phosphosilicate core optical fiber. The first fit (solid curve) utilized all of the data up to 100  $\mu\text{sec}$ . As can be seen in the figure the fit is not very good below 2  $\mu\text{sec}$ . For the second fit (dashed curve), points taken near the ends of the oscilloscope traces (the data were read from four separate oscilloscope beams), which are difficult to read with reasonable accuracy, were eliminated. The second fit is clearly much better

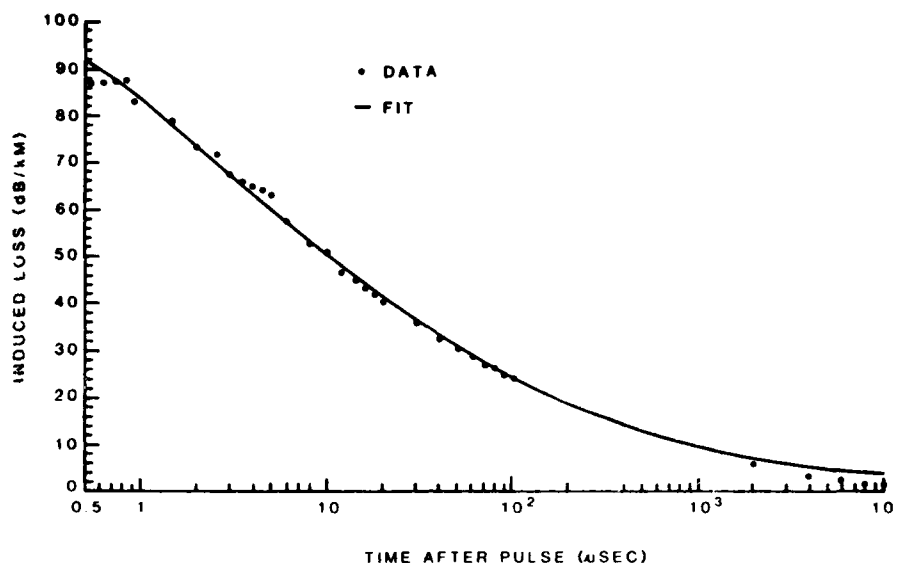


Figure 1. Fit of Eq. (1) to Data for the Recovery of Transient Radiation Induced Loss in a Germanium-borosilicate Core Optical Fiber. The irradiation conditions were: pulse width, 20 nsec; dose-rate,  $1.3 \times 10^9$  rad/sec; peak x-ray energy, 2 MeV; temperature 25C; source wavelength 820 nm

than the first. In both figures, the fitted curves deviate somewhat more from the data for times longer than 100  $\mu$ sec. This could be due to small differences in the calibrations of the oscilloscope amplifiers and/or time bases, which may influence the accuracy of the data in this time range where the signal to noise ratio is low. This possibility is most evident in Figure 2 where the data shows a greater loss remaining at 400  $\mu$ sec than at 100  $\mu$ sec, a very unlikely event.

Transient data for more than 12 optical fibers were fit to Eq. (1) with results similar to those shown in Figures 1 and 2. Good fits were also obtained on fibers irradiated at temperatures of -55 and +125C. Considering the time spans involved as well as the inherent "noise" associated with the acquisition of transient data, this is remarkable for an expression requiring the determination of only three constants.

## 5. DISCUSSION

The success of Eq. (1) in describing the recovery of transient radiation induced loss in optical fibers cannot be explained except that it may be a good approximation to several physical models developed to explain electron-hole

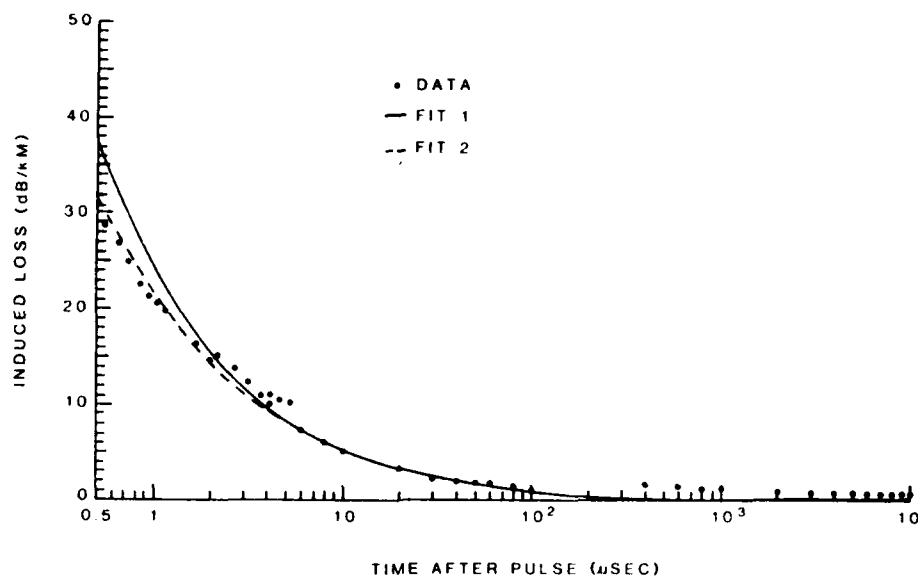


Figure 2. Fit of Eq. (1) to Data for the Recovery of Transient Radiation Induced Loss in a Germanium-Phosphosilicate Core Optical Fiber. Fit 1 (solid curve), all data used. Fit 2 (dashed curve), data of questionable accuracy eliminated (see text). The irradiation conditions were: pulse width, 20 nsec; dose rate,  $1.1 \times 10^9$  rad/sec; peak x-ray energy, 2 MeV; temperature, 25°C; source wavelength, 820 nm

recombination processes in other materials. Evidence that Eq. (1) has some degree of "universality" is given by the fact that, with the addition of a constant to account for permanent induced loss, it could be used to fit data on the recovery of induced loss in optical fibers following steady-state irradiation. [Specifically, Eq. (1) plus a constant gave very good fits to the data shown in Figures 3 and 4 of Ref. 4.] However, there is insufficient information available at this time to determine whether or not the constants obtained in fitting Eq. (1) to data may be dose-rate and/or dose dependent. Any extrapolation of the results of data fits to Eq. (1) should therefore be performed with this uncertainty in mind. Also, because of the complexity of the dynamics of electron-hole trapping and release processes, it is possible that Eq. (1) may not be applicable to data obtained for irradiations performed at much higher doses and dose-rates or taken at shorter times than those for which the data fits described in the report were performed.

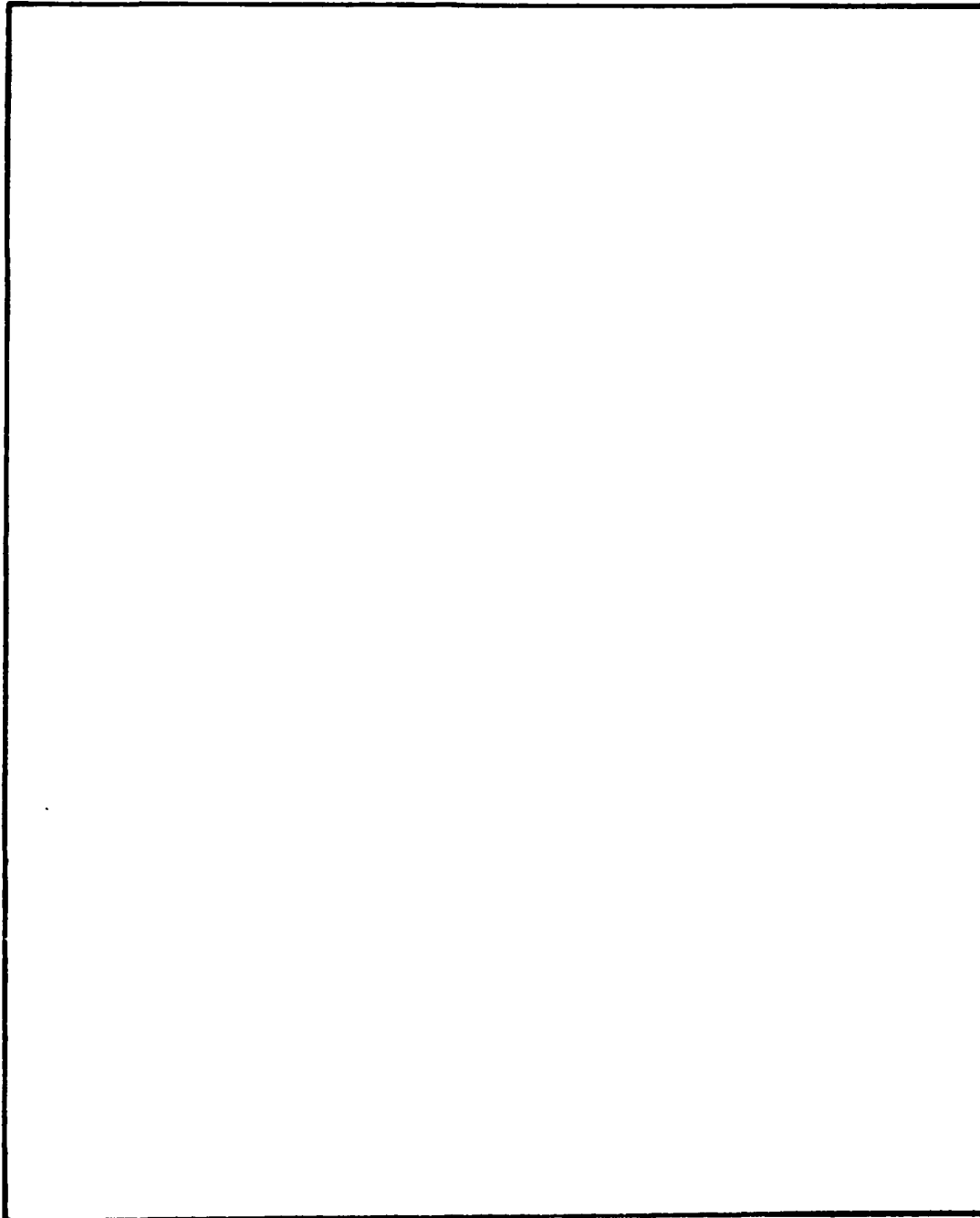
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